

## Weather of a Year By Month and Days

Director Howe of Climatological Service Gives a New State Record.

Henry C. Howe, director of the West Virginia section of the climatological service of the weather bureau has made a general summary of the weather experienced in West Virginia during the year 1914. He says the temperature for the state was 52.2 degrees, or 6 of a degree below the average for the last 24 years.

Excepting January, the winter and early spring months were much colder than usual, while the late spring and summer months were somewhat warmer than the average, except July, when nearly normal temperature conditions prevailed. September was abnormally cool, but October was warm and unusually pleasant. In the more elevated sections killing frosts occurred until June 17 and on September 10, 21 and 22; but in most of the agricultural districts the season of growth extended from the second decade in May until the last decade in October.

The average precipitation was 39.71 inches. The yearly state average from 1891 to 1914, inclusive, is 41.97 inches. The winter months averaged wetter than usual, but the late spring, summer, and fall months were dry, except August and the last half of October, and droughty conditions prevailed, except for short periods, from the last of May until August 10, and again from the middle of September until the second decade in October. Owing to favorable conditions and light rainfall in January and March, there were no floods in the district.

The average cloudiness was somewhat below the normal. At Parkersburg the sunshine averaged 51 per cent of the possible amount and at Elkins 47 per cent.

The wind movement at Parkersburg was 47,826 miles, and at Elkins, 84,939 miles.

**Weather First Six Months.**

January was abnormally warm and somewhat drier than usual. During the last 24 years the January temperatures averaged higher only five times. The snowfall was considerably above the average. The precipitation was well distributed and the weather conditions were exceptionally favorable. Except in a few of the more elevated sections, nearly all the snowfall was received from the 1st to the 4th, the amounts for that period ranging generally from 4 inches to more than 2 feet. The amounts in the Ohio river sections were unimportant and they were generally light over the eastern panhandle section. The cold period of the month was from the 11th to the 14th, when abnormally high temperatures, exceeding previous January records, were recorded on the 29th.

**February Much Colder.**

February was much colder and somewhat wetter than usual. The snowfall was the heaviest of record for any month during the last 20 years. There were three short periods with the temperatures near or below zero. In the northern and central sections the temperatures on the 25th ranged from about zero to 22 below, the lowest readings of record for any spring after February 15. The wet periods were 5-7, 12-16, 19-20, and 23-24. Heavy snow fell on the 13-16 and 23-24. Navigation was impeded in the Ohio by running ice.

March was unseasonably cold and the precipitation was much deficient in most sections. Only one March since 1895 was drier, but the snowfall was the greatest of record for March. The snow melted during short periods of warm, rainy weather, there was no flood in the district. The previous March temperature records were broken at several of the central mountain stations on the twenty-first, when readings from zero to 7 degrees below zero were recorded. The readings were also low on the first, second and twelfth. Warm weather prevailed on the 15-17, and after the twenty-first.

April was slightly warmer and considerably wetter than usual, with a favorable precipitation distribution. In most sections freezing temperatures did not occur after the twelfth and the last week was favorable for growth. Abnormally cool weather prevailed from the eighth to the eleventh. Most of the precipitation occurred on the 13-16, 19-20 and 25-26. Light snow or sleet flurries occurred in many sections on the third and fifth.

**May a Dry Month.**

May was characterized by dry weather, an excess of sunshine and a short period of abnormally high temperatures. Only one month of record from May to August, inclusive, was drier, and more sunshine was received than during any other May of record.

## Sees a Prosperous Outlook for Alaska

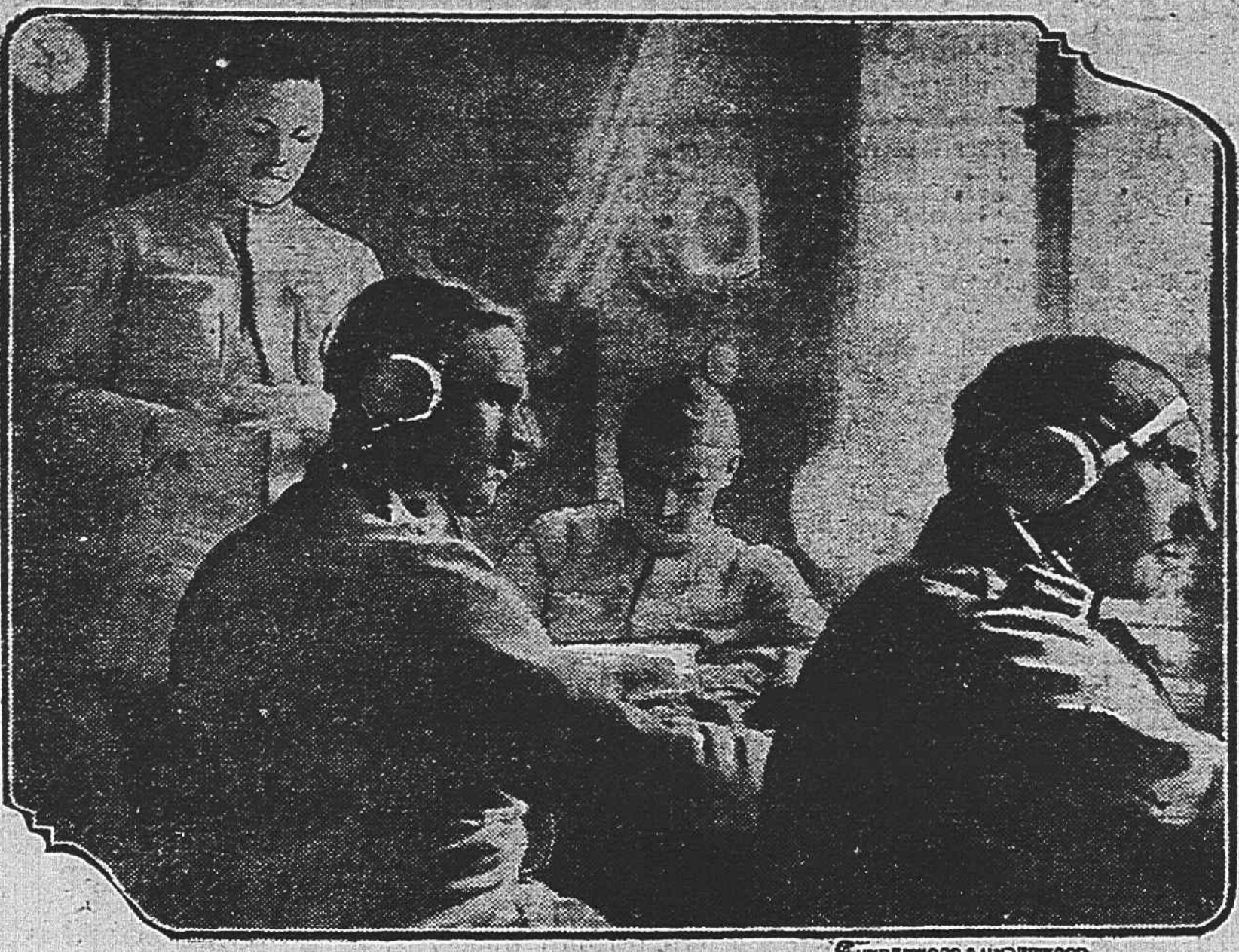
Governor of Territory Says It is about to Have a Great Development.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Mar. 20.—An era of unprecedented prosperity and development is about to open to Alaska, according to Governor J. F. A. Strong, who, accompanied by Mrs. Strong, has arrived in San Francisco from Juneau. Mining and agricultural development, the building of the government railways, the opening of the Panama canal and the 1915 exposition in San Francisco are the agencies combining to brighten Alaska's future, says Governor Strong.

Speaking of general conditions in Alaska, Governor Strong said: "On the whole, the outlook for all of Alaska is very bright—brighter than it has ever been before. There is to be a big development in every direction."

"There is a big future for the trade and commerce with the United States. Last year it reached a total of \$61,000,000. With the firm development now setting in, it is going to be increased to several times this amount during the next few years. This trade, it seems to me, is well worth

## AUSTRIAN OFFICERS IN THE WIRELESS STATION AT PRZEMYSL



The picture shows a scene in the wireless station at the Austrian fortress of Przemyśl, the capture of which by the Russians is momentarily expected. All of the operators are officers and the equipment is of the highest grade. Many messages for help sent to the Germans have been intercepted by the Russians, according to a Petrograd claim.

## MASONS INVITED TO HOLD REUNION

Of the Scottish Rite in the City of Huntington in Month of April.

HUNTINGTON, Mar. 20.—In behalf of Huntington Lodge of Perfection, Number Four, J. Marshall Hawkins extended to Dr. John W. Morris, sovereign grand inspector general of West Virginia, an invitation to hold in this city the annual spring consistory reunion of Scottish Rite Masons. This meeting is held in April and would bring to Huntington a consistory reunion for the first time in the history of the city.

In writing to Dr. Morris, Mr. Hawkins unofficially called to his attention the fact that this city is well equipped for such a convention, not only as to lodge facilities, but as to hotel accommodations. Mr. Hawkins mentioned the fact that the Wheeling Masonic temple was recently destroyed by fire and that he understood it would be inconvenient to hold the spring reunion in that city.

Both sides persisted in claiming ownership, and Squire Tierney, who was raised on a farm, instructed his constable to get the hen and chicks and take them into a field near the homes of both.

The hen led her chicks straight to Briencek's coop and Malleck cheerfully paid the costs of \$10, according to the squire.

**EXPERT STUMP-BLOWER HAS NARROW ESCAPE**

His Pipe, Containing Dynamite, Persists in Going Out, Luckily for Him.

KENTON, O., Mar. 20.—Jake Bodine, prominent tailor and stump blower of Kenton, sat at his ease and smoked his pipe.

When it went out he lighted it again. When it went out a second time he decided he had had enough and laid the pipe aside.

He had been blowing stumps with dynamite during the day, and had brought four large cans home in his pocket.

Reaching into his pocket in which he had put the cans, and in which he carried his smoking tobacco as well, he found three caps instead of four.

When he emptied the ashes from his pipe in search of the fourth cap, the fourth cap rattled out, badly scorched.

"It's a good thing my pipe went out when it did," he says. "If that cap had gone off, like as not it would have ruined one of the best stump blowers in Kenton."

going after. In recent years, the Alaska trade has been controlled by Seattle. In earlier days, San Francisco got the major portion of it. This city was in a fair way to recover its early prestige when crippled by the fire of 1906. The present is the psychological moment to go after it again.

Portland is reaching out a hand for the establishing a direct steamship line with Alaska. The trade with San Francisco is due to some increase naturally by reason of the exposition and the opening of the canal, but why not push the opportunity along and increase its returns?

"Within the next ten years southern Alaska is going to be the greatest and richest mining district in the world. While the ore is low grade, we have huge mountains of it and splendid water power facilities to aid in its cheap production. Alaska has virtually been untouched by modern mining methods. The building of the railroads will draw a large amount of capital and many people will open big new developments. The Panama, Sustaina, Kuskokwim and Cook Inlet districts possess great agricultural possibilities, and 50,000,000 acres of soil are awaiting practical tillage."

Man Handicapped.

Man really is naturally handicapped in a game of billiards. He is strong. He has powerful muscles, the tendency of which is to strike with full

power. Man must subdue that smashing, crushing impulse, because smashing means failure 99 times out of 100. Women, on the other hand, has no such impulse to conquer. Hers is a delicate, sensitive touch—one that is ideal for the game of billiards where lightness of touch and delicacy of stroke is an absolute necessity at all times.

There is a possibility that within the next four or five years we will be treated to championship billiard matches between men and women. It wouldn't be surprising to see a woman as the world's billiard champion during the next five years, provided, of course, that some women will go into the game with their whole heart and soul, as have the men who have arisen to the crest of the billiard world. Billiards is a game where perfection comes only through constant practice.

**Views are Changed.** The invasion of public billiard rooms of the high class sort by women was distasteful to the proprietors at first, but they have changed their views. The presence of women in the pool rooms has been a silent influence for better conduct among the men patrons and has caused a most total absence of curs words by men over failure to make shots while women are present.

In some of the New York cafes the proprietors have taken cognizance of the new feminine demand for a game of billiards. These fellows have chopped off part of their dance floor space and made that portion into a billiard room for women. And the tables are always busy, many women preferring billiards to the fox trot.

## "Peace" Egg

Laid by Plymouth Rock Hen is Wanted for the World's Fair.

OROVILLE, Cal., Mar. 20.—Sam Mark's Plymouth Rock hen, which recently laid an egg bearing the Hebrew word for "peace" neatly inscribed thereon, is bringing in a lot of fame and large daily mail. The president of the Panama-Pacific exposition has written to Marks, enclosing a free pass to the exposition and asking Marks to bring the wonderful egg and "Martha" the remarkable hen with him.

## Professor Wants Us To Eat Hay

Says Grasses Taste as Well as Cabbage if We only Think So.

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 20.—Smoky alfalfa for breakfast, stewed timothy for lunch and broiled clover for supper—this is the menu for the future, Prof. Henry Walters, a Pennsylvania botanist, suggests. He says it is possible by chemical treatment to make the "lilies of the field" as palatable as boiled cabbage.

"We are slaves of the nerve of taste found in our mouths," the professor explains in his best scientific manner. "What you like to eat does not depend on your stomach but on your sense of taste concealed in a little nerve in your mouth and tongue. That little nerve is eating up your grocery bill."

He proposes that experiments be made with grasses so they will taste as well as cabbage and potatoes. The nourishing juices of timothy and clover, he says, possess a higher food value than cabbage and potatoes.

"Let the experiment station give new tastes and flavors to the grasses and prejudice against using them can be removed by giving them high sounding names," he says.

## STATE FARM

Is Being Prepared by the Warden of the State Prison for Spring Planting.

Rapid progress is being made by a force of convicts from the state penitentiary getting the state farm east of Moundsville in shape for the spring and summer planting. During the last three weeks over 200 acres of the 275 acres of planting ground has been plowed up, and with two more days of fair weather the work of plowing for the present spring will have been completed.

The irrigation system on the farm, installed last fall by Warden M. Z. White, is being placed in first class shape for this season, and as the water, which is distributed over the farm by a canal system is secured from Moundsville's city water mains, a good supply of water will be furnished throughout the summer months, and there is little danger of the crops being hindered by droughts.

## Houses Are for Rent in Heaven Says Evangelist

Billy Sunday Tells Audience about Mental Visit into the Beyond.

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 20.—Billy Sunday paid a mental visit to heaven, shook hands with Abraham, chatted with Isaiah and Daniel, saw a lot of real estate for rent and then came back and told a big tabernacle audience all about it.

He saw houses that were ready for Redeemer and Ackley, two of his assistants, and Joseph M. Steele and George C. Shane and other members of the Sunday campaign committee. But there was a "For Rent" sign Billy said, on a big house meant for a Philadelphia banker, another for a University of Pennsylvania professor and a third for a member of the board of education.

The evangelist talked about heaven as freely and informally as though he had just paid a visit to a main line suburb and had come back to tell his folks what the place looked like.

The upshot of the sermon was a procession of 302 penitents, who came hurrying down the aisle "to take the for rent sign off their mansions in glory." There were 305 converts in the afternoon, making 607 for the day.

## GIRL WEEPS AT DEATH OF HER KISSING COW

Faints in Court When She Identifies the Skins of Her Pets.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Mar. 20.—Miss Frances E. Peters, a wealthy spinster of Kirkwood, fainted in police headquarters when she identified a cow skin found on two negroes as that of Pearl, a thoroughbred cow she raised herself, and was accustomed to kiss good night every evening.

Regaining consciousness, she became hysterical and sprang at the negroes to attack them. Sheriff Bode, of St. Louis county, hurried the prisoners away, while Miss Peters, moaning and wringing her hands, stood on the sidewalk, begging for a chance to get at the slayers of her "darling."

Miss Peters said that Pearl and her companion, Nellie, had been raised by her from calves, and that she had so lavished kindness on them that if when each evening they put up their noses to be kissed, she failed to do so, they would "moo" through the night until she went to them.

The negroes admitted skinning the cows, but said they had found them dead in a field near Miss Peters's farm.

## Convict-Built Roads Again Kentucky Issue

Voters to Decide Question of Permitting Prison Labor on Outside Public Works.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Mar. 20.—To the voters of Kentucky there is to be submitted this autumn an amendment to the state constitution which will make it possible for the prisoners of the state to labor outside of the prison walls on roads and other public works. The state constitution at present prohibits the use of prisoners in road work in Kentucky, and labor is leased to contractors under the old system, which is now being generally regarded as something that should be abandoned.

Two years ago, an amendment providing for the employment of prisoners in road work in Kentucky was voted upon and carried by a large majority, but, unfortunately, not advertised within the required time, and in consequence the courts decided the action unconstitutional. The legislature, which met in the winter of 1914, provided that the amendment be resubmitted to the voters.

In the meantime the contracts at the prison expired and a strong effort was made to have them renewed for a term of years. Owing to the persistency of the labor representatives, Miss Linda Neville, the Kentucky representative on prisons and prison labor; the warden of the penitentiary and others, renewal of contracts was made for one year only; hence there will be nothing to hinder the development of the road work once the amendment is carried.

Already several of the candidates for governor have declared themselves opposed to the contract system, and the prison labor representatives believe the road amendment will carry by a very large majority.

Kentucky will then be in a position to afford her convicts an opportunity to regain their strength and manhood through healthful outdoor work, similar to that which Colorado has given to the men who built the famous "Sky Line Drive."

## LEAGUE ORGANIZED TO REDUCE ARMIES

Plans to Limit Armaments Announced by the Peace Crusaders.

NEW YORK, Mar. 20.—A movement to bring about a world-wide restriction of armies and navies by international agreement after the European war is ended is announced by the American League to Limit Armament. The crusade is being organized through conferences and correspondence with leaders of public opinion in several foreign countries. It was stated:

"We are undertaking to solidify the movement and co-ordinate the efforts along this line while the war is still in progress in order to make the strongest possible presentation of the issue at the earliest opportune moment," says the league's announcement. "We are not proposing methods to bring peace to Europe until Europe is ready to stop fighting of its own accord. We stand by what we hold to be the main proposition—that the reduction of all armaments to the least proportions consistent with the demands of normal tranquility and the use of the money now going into destructive agencies of peace is the true solution of the peace problem."

## BIG ENGINE TO BE AT FRISCO EXPOSITION

PITTSBURGH, Mar. 20.—The biggest electric passenger engine in the world has just been completed in a plant of East Pittsburgh. The steel monster weighs 166 tons and is capable of pulling a full train sixty miles an hour. It will be shown on a special turn table at the San Francisco exposition next month. Later it will be put in service.



NEW YORK, Mar. 20.—Glenmore (Stuffy) Davis, to whom life is sort of a continuous lark party, entered a hotel in Toledo, O., recently and asked for a room.

"The house is full," replied the clerk.

Davis approached a friend in the lobby. "He says the house is full," he said. "You see if you can get me a room." Davis is the only critic in New York who ever wore a sweater to a first night and got away with it.

After all of the hodge-podge musical shows that have been put before a long suffering public this season, Klaw and Erlanger came along quietly and "an auspicious like" as Tom Sharkey would say and put over what is known in Broadway parlance as a "blinger."

The name of the new musical revue which has set the theatrical crowd by the ears is "Fads and Fancies," and there was not a lot of would-be stars and would-like-to-be stars heralded on the billboards. It was merely "put on with the K. & E." and so on.

The revue sparkles in every line and the songs are now being whistled on every street and sung in every cafe. The show was one of those surprises that is talked of but rarely materializes.

In the east are Conroy and Lemaire, Tom McLaughlin, Frank Aguirre, Lydia Lopokova, Frank Doane, Leo Carrillo, Stella Hoban. And one of the best actors was hidden from view under a dog skin and the name of Munchagoo. His name is David Abrams.

When Irvin Cobb gave his war lecture at a Forty-second street theater Sunday night he announced before he got into his subject that he was not a lecturer and would not use high flown language. "I want to warn you

## Triplets Five Times, One Family Record

Nineteen Children, Thirteen Living, and All are Boys Under Five Years.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Mar. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott, who dwell near South Whitley, have gone west to establish a new home. Their hope is to find in Kansas or Oklahoma enough tillable land to provide employment and sustenance for the whole Scott family, and it is some family. In fact, a record breaker.

Although married only ten years Mr. and Mrs. Scott are the parents of nineteen children, thirteen of whom are living, all sons and all under the age of five years.

As explained by Frank M. Pugh the Scotts hold the record for triplets, five sets having been born to them. There were also two sets of twins.

All are boys. At present the Scotts and their family of sons are at Highland, Kan., but they expect to locate near Muskogee, Okla.

about this in advance," he said, "so that you can, if you wish, return to the box office and get your money back. And—as an after thought—"be careful of your arms and legs in the crush."

Marie Cahill and Daniel V. Arthur are broke again. It is their almost annual plunge into bankruptcy with the wolves of creditors at their heels and the process servers just around the corner—and gaining fast.

Miss Cahill, who is Mrs. Arthur, attributes her latest misfortune to the play, "Ninety in the Shade," at the Knickerbocker. Daniel V. Arthur has spent large fortunes trying to get a suitable play for his wife. Time after time they have failed and time after time they have come back again with fresh hopes. Neither seems to be discouraged.

That they are pretty badly broke was indicated by the fact that the liabilities were \$21,402 and the assets \$320. A friend met Arthur near the Times building the other afternoon. "Well Dan," he said, "what are your plans for the future?"

"I don't know exactly," said Arthur and there was a glint of hope in his eyes, "but I am looking around for a new play for Miss Cahill and when I—" But the friend had fled.

For the first time in years the street cleaning commissioner handled a snow storm in New York without being heaped with red hot criticism. The snow that fell last week was handled in a masterly manner. Motor ploughs were put to work when the first flakes fell and the big gangs were also put to work flushing the streets and shoveling the snow into the sewers.

A new restaurant near Broadway hurbs across the front in big letters. "No music—no dancing or vulgarities. The place you have been looking for—stews and lobsters."

Scott showed a partiality for the latter. Following are the names and ages:

Ashebell, Archer and Austin, triplets, 4 1-2 years old.  
Arthur and Arnold, 3 1-2 years old.  
Allen, Almon and Albin, triplets, 2 1-2 years old.  
Alfred, Albion and Adolph, triplets, 18 months old.  
Abel and Abner, twins, 6 months old.  
The reason for this partiality has never been revealed, but a humorist has suggested that the parents contemplated going through the alphabet later. Mrs. Scott is 30 and her husband 31.

## ODD MISHAP

Shot in Leg When Pump Handle Discharges Pistol.

SHARON, Pa., Mar. 20.—While Jess McGuire, a Bessemer railroad telegraph operator, was at a pump drawing a pail of water the pump handle struck a revolver in McGuire's pocket. The gun was discharged, the bullet taking a downward course through the fleshy part of the leg, coming out at the knee. He will probably be confined to the hospital for some time as his wound is considered as serious.

The elephant has only eight teeth, four on each side.

The barometer was invented in 1642.